



Highland East Junior High

Summer Reading Program

The Language Arts Department at Highland East Junior High has established a summer reading program for all our students. Our students' summer reading will help them maintain their reading skills, improve their writing proficiency, and gain knowledge of new vocabulary and concepts. Reading comprehension is an essential skill that is necessary to be successful in academics and future employment. Consistent practice will enable a student to thoroughly gain a strong reading competency. Teachers and literary experts agree that children of all ages need to be reading books over the summer. Research has proven that when students are consistent readers they develop important language skills.

SUMMER READING is a requirement for all students. Students are to complete the reading assigned **before the first day of school.**

7th grade students will read **TWO** books off the 2019 or 2020 Intermediate Sequoyah list. They need to bring **two** book reports on the first day of school.

7th grade Honors will read Stolen into Slavery: The True Story of Solomon Northup, Free Black Man by Judith and Dennis Fradin, and **TWO** other books off the 2019 or 2020 Intermediate Sequoyah list. They need to bring **three** book reports on the first day of school.

8th grade will choose a biography to read. (Minimum 150 pages.) Write a 1 page summary of the book. They also need to choose 1 book from the 2019 or 2020 Sequoyah list and write a report on it. (See reports below.) **Both** reports are due on the first day of school.

8th grade Honors will choose a biography to read. (Minimum 150 pages.) Write a 1 page summary of the book. They also need to choose **TWO** books from the 2019 or 2020 Sequoyah list and write reports on them. All **three** reports are due on the first day of school.

7th and 8th Grade Book Reports must include the title, author, setting, plot of the story (a summary of the main events), and their opinion of the book. Written (2 pages front and back) OR Typed (1 page.) The book reports will be worth 50 points each.

***** Libraries will have the 2019/2020 Sequoyah Intermediate book lists. (You may also look the list up on the internet.)**

If you have any questions about HEJH Summer Reading- contact Shelly Hankins shellyhankins@mooreschools.com